



Celebrate Black History Month with us!

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<p>2 Buffalo Soldier University Kickoff: Black History Month Celebration! 6 PM (CST)</p>	<p>3 Tragedy to Triumph: History of the Black Seminole Scouts 6 PM (CST)</p>	<p>4 Iron Riders: Blazing A Trail for Modern Mountain Bikers 6 PM (CST)</p>	<p>5 Spotlight on Black Stories: Anansi the Spider 6PM (CST)</p>	<p>6 Knowledge is Power LIVE from Cedar Hill SP at 1 PM (CST)</p>
		<p>11 Spotlight on Black Stories: Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman 6PM (CST)</p>	<p>12 The Legacy of the CCC in Texas State Parks, Pt. I 6 PM (CST)</p>	<p>13 Leading the Charge LIVE from Ray Roberts SP at 1 PM (CST)</p>
<p>BUFFALO SOLDIERS HERITAGE & OUTREACH ★★★★ PROGRAM ★★★★★ TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE</p>	<p>17 Stewards of Yosemite: The First Black Park Rangers 6 PM C(ST)</p>	<p>18 A Modern Trailblazer: Thru-Hiker Robert Taylor and Backpacking 101 6 PM (CST)</p>	<p>19 The Legacy of the CCC in Texas State Parks Pt. II 6 PM (CST)</p>	<p>20 Medal of Honor LIVE from Brazos Bend SP 1 PM (CST)</p>
<p>Watch each week and sign up your Trivia Team at Facebook.com/TexasBuffaloSoldierProgram</p>	<p>25 The Legend of Juneteenth at Galveston Island State Park 6 PM (CST)</p>	<p>26 A State Park is Born: A Tour of the CCC at Huntsville State Park 6 PM (CST)</p>	<p>27 Courage Has No Color: Black Firefighters and the Big Burn LIVE from Tyler SP 1 PM (CST)</p>	
	<p>LIVE! BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA CHALLENGE! Final Exam 6 PM (CST)</p>			

JOIN Park Rangers from all over Texas, including the Buffalo Soldier Heritage Outreach Program and the Texas Outdoor Family team, for a new series of virtual programs that celebrate Black History throughout the month of February.

This month-long online initiative will encourage Texans of all ages to learn more about the contributions and achievements of African Americans in conservation, the great outdoors, and within our State and National Parks

Program Descriptions



The Iron Riders: Blazing A Trail for Modern Mountain Bikers/ Join Ranger Carlos for a short history of the African American Iron Riders and a few bike tips to help you to ride safely.

A State Park is Born: The CCC at Huntsville State Park/ Join Ranger Tito for a virtual tour of CCC structures at Huntsville SP, and the amazing history of CCC Company 1823.

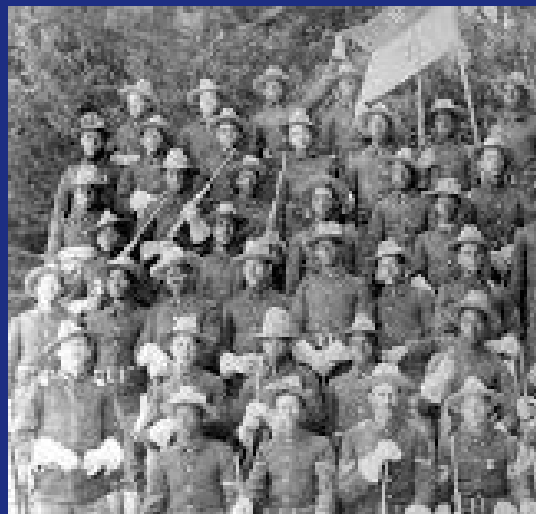
Stewards of Yosemite: The First Black Park Rangers/ Join Lieutenant Dolifka for a very special tribute to the original Buffalo Soldiers who served as the first stewards and Park Rangers at Yosemite National Park, and hear the story of Charles Young, the first black Superintendent of a National Park.

Spotlight on Black Stories: Anansi the Spider/ Join Ranger Lisa H. as she spins the African folktale of a brave spider on a difficult journey.

The Legacy of the CCC in Texas State Parks, Part 1 and Part 2/ Join Ranger Karen for a special two part program that takes an in-depth look at the CCC Companies that helped build many of our Texas State Parks.

Modern Trailblazers: Thru-hiker Robert Taylor and Backpacking 101/ Join Ranger Mindy to learn about the first African American Thru Hiker of the Appalachian and Pacific Crest Trails, and then stick around for a few beginner backpacking tips to get you started on your own journey.

Medal of Honor: The Bravest African Americans/ The Medal of Honor, America's highest and most prestigious medal, is awarded to U.S. military service members who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor. Join Private Mack in honoring the eighteen African Americans who earned this special award from 1866 to 1892.



Leading the Charge: Buffalo Soldier Tales/ Join Lieutenant Dolifka to hear the unique perspective and experiences of the white officers that were assigned to command the Buffalo Soldier troops, and then a special spotlight to honor the proud legacy of the first two black graduates of West Point.

Tragedy to Triumph: History of the Black Seminole Scouts/ Did you know that Seminole Canyon here in Texas has a long and fascinating link to African American heritage? Join Private Mack as he shares the little known tales of the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts and the critical role they played in protecting the Western Frontier.

Spotlight on Black Stories: Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman/ Join Ranger Mindy as she shares the true tale of the first African American female pilot in Texas.

Knowledge is Power: Educating Black Soldiers in the Post Civil War Era/ Join Private Mack as he discusses the significance and importance of providing an education to the United States Colored Troop regiments. In 1866 after the passage of the Military Reconstruction Act, the men of Buffalo Soldiers regiments would be given that same opportunity.

The Legend of Juneteenth at Galveston Island State Park/ Join Rangers Lisa R. and Jordan for a stroll down the beach, as they talk about the impact of the Juneteenth Declaration of Freedom to slaves in Texas near this spot, and celebrate diversity in outdoor recreation.

Courage Has No Color: Black Firefighters and the Big Burn/ Join Lieutenant Dolifka as he shares the brave stories of the black paratroopers of World War II and the Buffalo Soldiers assigned to fire fighting duty during the legendary Big Burn forest fire.

Buffalo Soldier University Final Exam and Trivia Night/ Join Sergeant Padilla and Ranger Carlos as they host a fun and interactive trivia contest! Compete against other teams to see what you've learned from all of our programs this month in the Black History Trivia Challenge Night!

